RESOLUTION NO. 2005-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 438 (PARRA) TO PROTECT FAMILIES LIVING IN RENTAL COMMUNITIES FROM SERIOUS AND HIGH-RISK SEX OFFENDERS

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi seeks to ensure safe and affordable housing for its residents; and

WHEREAS, there are a significant number of families and individuals residing in rental communities throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, rental housing providers are in a precarious situation due to the recent availability of sex offender information over the Internet; and

WHEREAS, rental housing providers seek to be able to protect their tenants from the known dangerous propensities of other tenants; and

WHEREAS, state law currently prohibits rental housing providers from using information contained on the state Megan's Law database to make housing decisions; and

WHEREAS, state law currently prohibits rental housing providers from notifying tenants if there is a serious or high-risk sex offender residing in the rental community; and

WHEREAS, rental housing providers need a clear direction from the state and relief from the current situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby support Assembly Bill 438 (Parra) to protect families living in rental communities from serious and high-risk sex offenders and to allow rental housing providers to notify and protect their tenants from individuals listed as a serious or high-risk sex offender on the state's Megan's Law database.

Dated: August 17, 2005

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-171 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 17, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and

Mayor Beckman

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN:

COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON

City Clerk